Working and Leading at UT
At the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, the state’s flagship land-grant university, we stand at the forefront of learning and innovation. We are a community grounded in courage and perseverance, collaboration and leadership. We are Volunteers—committed to stepping up together to solve the world’s most challenging problems and shape the next generation of leaders and thinkers.

Whatever your role at UT, you will find the connections and support you need to do your best. I’m inspired every day by our faculty and staff, the work they do and the commitment they have to this university. I hope you’ll consider joining us.

Donde Plowman
Chancellor
About UT

Filled with energy and tradition, UT’s campus is an exciting intellectual hub for teaching, research, creative activity, and outreach. The Volunteer spirit infuses everything we do with the values of a great land-grant university: free inquiry, innovative leadership, integrity, diversity, equity, inclusion, engagement, and responsible stewardship of resources.

Learn more about where we’re headed at utk.edu/vision.
Ranking

46TH among all public universities in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, with nationally ranked programs in fields ranging from business and engineering to nursing and the arts.

Listed by Forbes among America’s best large employers, ranking 15TH among all higher education institutions and THIRD among large employers in Tennessee.

Structure

Administratively, UT Knoxville includes the UT Institute of Agriculture as well as the UT Space Institute in Tullahoma. The campus is part of the UT System along with UT Chattanooga, UT Martin, UT Southern, and the UT Health Science Center in Memphis.

Carnegie Classifications

Doctoral University (very high research activity)

Community Engagement

Governance

12

UT System trustees, all appointed by the governor

Seven-member campus advisory board
Accreditation

Since 1897, the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, has been continuously accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees.

For questions, contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500.

Annual Operating Budget

$1.3 BILLION

Annual Economic Impact on Tennessee

$1.7 BILLION

Campus

31,700 STUDENTS

8,950 FACULTY & STAFF

910 ACRES

294 BUILDINGS

Sources: utk.edu/aboutut/numbers, oira.utk.edu/reporting/fact-book
Working at UT
At UT, you’ll find a welcoming and supportive environment focused on learning and growth. In addition to generous health and retirement plans, the university offers employee tuition waivers and discounted tuition for qualifying employees and family members at state colleges and universities. Campus resources include a university-affiliated medical center, an early learning center for children from infancy to kindergarten, a veterinary clinic, and botanical gardens.

Abundant opportunities for leadership and professional growth exist at every level. Faculty and staff take part in committees and advisory boards, and the Chancellor’s Council for Diversity and Interculturalism and its related diversity commissions. Leadership development options include immersive programs for exempt and nonexempt employees, a year-long academy focusing on inclusive leadership, and a range of academic leadership programs.

After hours, you’ll have access to top-rate theater productions, musical performances, museum exhibits, and lectures—and one of the richest traditions in intercollegiate athletics. In the words of a well-known cheer, it’s great to be a Tennessee Vol.
Knoxville and East Tennessee

Knoxville draws enthusiastic praise as a great place to live. Located in the heart of East Tennessee with the Great Smoky Mountains for a backyard, Knoxville offers the charm of a small Southern city with opportunities and activities that range from green energy initiatives to thriving culinary and music scenes. Citing both affordability and quality of life, U.S. News and World Report ranked Knoxville among the 100 best places to live for 2021–22.

Outdoors

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park, about an hour away, is home to more than 800 miles of maintained trails that are perfect for hiking and camping. Numerous rivers and lakes in the region provide easily accessible sites for fishing, kayaking, and tubing. Closer to home, Knoxville itself has more than 100 miles of greenway trails, some of which connect to our acclaimed Urban Wilderness—1,000 acres of parks, trails, and forests along Knoxville’s south waterfront, less than a mile from downtown.
Events and Entertainment

Knoxville’s revitalized downtown hosts an abundance of annual events including the monthlong Dogwood Arts celebration and the acclaimed Big Ears festival, which the New Yorker has called “the most open-minded music gathering in the country.” A rich entertainment scene features everything from local bluegrass groups and jazz ensembles to national acts and Broadway tours, plus university and Knoxville opera companies and symphony orchestras.

Cuisine

Our city’s restaurants serve up regional specialties like barbecue and fried chicken, and farm-to-table menus abound. But the area’s culinary map stretches far beyond the South, with restaurants offering an array of global cuisines from French to Latin American to Ethiopian to Korean—and farmer’s markets and specialty stores provide a wealth of options for home cooks. Local brewpubs and distilleries have put Knoxville on the map for connoisseurs of craft beer and spirits.
Living in Knoxville

With its low cost of living and affordable real estate, Knoxville is a great place to put down roots. Housing options are suited to a wide variety of tastes, with downtown buildings, walkable historic neighborhoods, riverfront properties, suburban areas, and even country life within convenient commuting range. Area schools include some ranked among the best in the state.
Cost of living
16% below the national average

Median home price
$289,000
August 2021

Weather
Average high
69
Average low
50
Average annual precipitation
52 inches

Average commute time
27 minutes

No state or local income tax

Population
Knoxville: 191,000
Metro: 880,000

Source: Knoxville Chamber 2022 Guide, knoxvillechamber.com
Learn More

You can learn more about the University of Tennessee at utk.edu. The Human Resources site, hr.utk.edu, provides detailed information on benefits and has a separate executive search page at hr.utk.edu/executive-positions. Information about relocating to Knoxville is available from the Knoxville Chamber at knoxvillechamber.com/choose-knoxville.

And, of course, feel free to contact our office with any questions or to learn more about available positions.